

## Message Text

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C O N F I D E N T I A L JERUSALEM 1284

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E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: PINS, PINT, IS, LE  
SUBJECT: UNTSO INFORMATION ON SOUTHERN LEBANON

1. UN SOURCE INFORMS US THAT LEBANESE DEFENSE FORCE CHIEF GENERAL KHOURY MET WITH UNTSO OFFICERS AUGUST QW IN BEIRUT. ONE PURPOSE OF MEETING WAS KHOURY'S REQUEST TO UN TO ASK THEM TO HELP ARRANGE MEETING WITH ISRAELI MILITARY FOR DISCUSSIONS. (KHOURY DID NOT REVEAL SPECIFIC AGENDA ITEMS TO UNTSO, BUT PRESUMPTION WAS THAT SOUTHERN LEBANON SITUATION WOULD BE COVERED.) KHOURY SUGGESTED A NEUTRAL THRID COUNTRY LOCATION SUCH AS CYPRUS AS POSSIBLE VENUE. WHEN KHOURY'S REQUEST WAS RELAYED TO IDF LIAISON OFFICER COLONEL LEVINSON, HIS FIRST REACTION WAS POSITIVE; BUT UN SOURCE SAYS THAT FINAL ISRAELI RESPONSE NOT GIVEN.

2. DURING CONVERSATION WITH UNTSO OFFICERS, KHOURY INDICATED  
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THAT IT WOULD BE IMPOSSIBLE TO SEND LEBANESE FORCES INTO SOUTHERN LEBANON AT THIS TIME BECAUSE OF PREVAILING SITUATION. HE DID NOT WANT LEBANESE TROOPS FIGHTING PALESTINIAN LEFTISTS BECAUSE OF EXTERNAL ARAB REACTION. KHOURY WAS BITTER ABOUT CHRISTIAN LEBANESE OFFICERS SUCH AS MAJOR HADDAD WHO REMAIN IN SOUTHER LEBANON AND COOPERATE WITH ISRAELI FORCES. HE INDICATED

THAT THEY DESERVE COURT MARTIALS, BUT HERE AGAIN HE  
WAS POWERLESS TO DO ANYTHING.

3. UN SOURCE TELLS US THAT LEBANON/ISRAEL BORDER HAS  
BEEN RELATIVELY QUIET LAST SEVERAL DAYS (AUGUST 14-15)  
EVEN IN YARINE AREA.  
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